

Senate Bill No. 1627

CHAPTER 433

An act to amend Section 18691 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to mobilehome parks.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1627, Dunn. Mobilehome parks: fire protection.

Existing law requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to adopt rules and regulations that are reasonably consistent with generally recognized fire protection standards, governing conditions relating to the prevention of fire or for the protection of life and property against fire in mobilehome parks and special occupancy parks. The regulations apply to all parks, except those parks within a city, county, or city and county that has adopted and is enforcing a fire prevention code imposing restrictions equal to or greater than state building standards. This exception applies only if the city, county, or city and county is the enforcement agency for state building standards.

The bill would authorize a city, county, city and county, or special district that is not the enforcement agency under the above provisions to enforce its own fire prevention code in mobilehome parks, as specified, if it gives the department a 30-day written notice.

This bill would require the department, in consultation with local firefighting agencies, to adopt and implement no later than January 1, 2002, regulations requiring regular maintenance and the periodic inspection and testing of fire hydrants in mobilehome parks.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 18691 of the Health and Safety Code is amended to read:

18691. (a) The department shall adopt rules and regulations that it determines are reasonably consistent with generally recognized fire protection standards, governing conditions relating to the prevention of fire or for the protection of life and property against fire in parks. The department shall adopt and submit building standards for approval pursuant to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 18935) of Part 2.5 for the purposes described in this section within permanent buildings. The department, in consultation with local firefighting agencies, shall adopt and implement no later than

January 1, 2002, regulations that require regular maintenance and periodic inspection and testing of fire hydrants in mobilehome parks.

(b) The regulations adopted by the department shall be applicable in all parks, except in a park within a city, county, or city and county that is the enforcement agency and has adopted and is enforcing a fire prevention code imposing restrictions equal to or greater than the restrictions imposed by those building standards published in the California Building Standards Code and the other state regulations adopted by the department.

(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the rules and regulations adopted by the department relating to the installation of water supply and fire hydrant systems shall not apply within parks constructed, or approved for construction, prior to January 1, 1966.

(d) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a city, county, city and county, or special district that is not the enforcement agency under this part may enforce its fire prevention code in mobilehome parks relating to fire hydrant systems, water supply, fire equipment access, posting of fire equipment access, parking, lot identification, weed abatement, debris abatement, combustible storage abatement, and burglar bars. Before assuming fire code enforcement in accordance with this subdivision, a city, county, city and county, or special district shall give the department a 30-day written notice. A city, county, city and county, or special district that enforces its fire prevention code pursuant to this subdivision shall apply its code provisions to conditions that arise after adoption of its fire prevention code, to conditions not legally in existence at the adoption of its fire prevention code, or to conditions that, in the opinion of the fire chief, constitute a distinct hazard to life or property.

